

or send to the president the sum of fifty cents each as a love-gift to one in trouble, to be sent by each kind lady president to Mrs. Boomer, 597 Dundas Street, London, Ont., whose interest in Algoma is well known, she would be doing God service, and closing the year as a helper indeed.

MRS. MEDLEY, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cummings have written to the General Secretary asking her to convey their grateful thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary for the resolutions of loving sympathy with them in their sorrow, which were passed at the Triennial Meeting.

MRS. (VIDAL) WILSON, Miss Brown and Miss Mellish write thanking the Woman's Auxiliary for their expressions of appreciation of their efforts in the mission field, and ask that the members will pray that they may be strengthened to carry on and extend the work God has entrusted to them. The resolution has cheered them greatly and given them a fresh impetus in their work.

MRS. LIPSCOMBE writes from Victoria, B.C., in grateful acknowledgment of the sympathy shown to the Chinese mission with which she is connected, and adds:—"We stand in great need of sympathy and aid just now, as we are at a very critical time and are having great difficulties. Bishop Ridley, who was here lately, took a deep interest in our mission and cheered us with many kind words, begging us not to let the work drop. It has only been by the united efforts of our Woman's Auxiliary that it has been possible to keep the mission open. The grant from Toronto, out of which the expenses were met, was placed in the hands of a committee formed merely for the purpose of disbursing the money, which, being exhausted in August, we have very great difficulty in meeting the monthly expenses, and now the winter is approaching and expenses for warming and lighting increase, we feel increased anxiety. If we cannot get funds we must close the mission. We have raised \$40 here, but cannot reckon on even this in the future, and until a fresh grant is made our mission may be dropped, unless a helping hand is extended to support the work. The fact of the men (Chinese) being, for a great part of the time, unemployed prevents their paying their school fees. There are a certain number who have been with us from the beginning, but there are often new ones who come for a few weeks and are glad to come to the mission, but need is very urgent. We commend it to the notice of our Christian fellow-workers in the mission fields with the hope that, if possible, a sum may be placed in the hands of our Treasurer to enable the work to be carried on efficiently. Our Treasurer is Miss E. Woods, 28 North Park Street, Victoria, B.C."

OTHER articles connected with this department will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

A select library of Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church. Second series. Translated into English with prolegomena and explanatory notes, etc. Vol. III., Theodoret, Jerome, Gennadius, Rufinus, etc. New York: The Christian Literature Co. Oxford and London: Parker & Co.

This valuable work is edited by Dr. Philip Schaff, Professor of Church History in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Dr. Henry Wace, Principal of King's College, London. It is the third volume of the series, but, as Vol. IV. had already been published, the first four volumes are now complete, and embrace the writings of Eusebius, Socrates, Sozomen, Theodoret, Jerome, Gennadius, Rufinus and the select works and letters of the great Athanasius. These books in themselves form a rich treasury for the library of any one at all interested in early Christian literature. The Ecclesiastical History of Theodoret covers the interesting period from the Council of Nicæa (A.D. 325) to the death of Cyril of Alexandria (A.D. 444), and his dialogues as well as his letters relate to the great questions of his own day, particularly those concerning the nature of our Lord. In Jerome and Gennadius we have "Lives of Illustrious Men," being brief notices of men of note in the Church from Simon Peter and other apostles and disciples of our Lord down to the days of the authors themselves. The writings of Rufinus are given and will be found valuable as a witness to the state of the creed and the Holy Scriptures and Apocrypha as held in the Italian Churches in the beginning of the 5th century; but Rufinus is chiefly known from his relation to Jerome, first as an intimate friend and afterwards as a bitter enemy. The controversy between them, however such controversies are to be deplored, is valuable now as showing the minds of the great reasoners of the day. The index of subjects, carefully prepared, and also the index of texts, adds much to the usefulness of the volume which throughout reflects undoubted credit upon the editors and publishers alike.

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Much publicity has been given to the Christmas Number of this first-class Canadian publication and it will no doubt have what it certainly deserves, a wide circulation. The publishers have spared neither trouble nor expense in producing a superb specimen of work. What renders it doubly attractive is that it is purely Canadian throughout both as to the work of pen and pencil, and the endeavour of the publishers to build up a national literature is most praiseworthy, and should receive the high appreciation of the public. The wide and continued circulation of American literature throughout the Dominion is not to be desired, and the best way to prevent that is to procure for Canada a literature of its own; but this cannot be done without money. If authors can get remuneration for their articles such as they are clearly entitled to by writing for American periodicals, they cannot be blamed for sending the products of their intellect out of the country; but if similar encouragement could be given them in their own land they would be only too glad, in most cases, to "stay at home." This goes almost without saying; but publishers cannot hold out the necessary inducements unless due support is given to their enterprises by the public. Loyal Canadians could not do better than to help to build up a Canadian literature, and the Sabiston Publishing Co. of Montreal are entitled to every support in their continued efforts to do so. Let the *Dominion Illustrated* be supported by all.